hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Date of Deposit: April 27, 2005 G. Peter Nichols, Reg. Mg. 34 Name of Applicant, Assigned Registered Replacement Our File No. 10908/8 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Chris Andre Du Plessis **Examiner: Andrews** Serial No. 10/756,906 Filing Date: January 14, 2004 Group Art Unit: 1742 For RECOVERY OF BIOLEACHING **MICROBES** PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a)) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 9, 2004 for a period of two months to and including May 9, 2005. 8

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		claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.	15 10756906	
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		Extension Months	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity				
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$120.00 \$450.00 \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00	\$60.00 \$225.00 \$510.00 \$795.00 \$1,080.00				
Fee Payment								
$\boxtimes$	Attached is a check for \$450.00 for the Petition fee.							
	Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition fee.							
	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.							
$\boxtimes$	Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.							
Dated: April 27, 2005  G. Peter Nichols Registration No. 34,401 Attorney for Applicant								
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